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1. IN RESPECT TO FIRST QUESTION PARA 2 REFTEL, WE UNDERSTAND THAT CHINA AND MONGOLIA ALONE AMONG ASIAN GROUP MEMBERS HAVE VOICED DESIRE TO OCCUPY THE TWO SEATS ON THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE CUSTOMARILY RESERVED FOR ASIANS. CHINA HAS REGULARY BEEN A MEMBER IN RECENT YEARS; SHE WAS IN 1974 AS WELL AS WHEN JAPAN LAST SAT ON THE COMMITTEE, I.E., IN 1973. MONGOLIA HAS NEVER BEEN A MEMBER.

2. IN RESPECT TO SECOND QUESTION PARA 2, WE ARE DOUBTFUL AT THIS STAGE THAT ANY ASIAN COUNTRY OTHER THAN JAPAN WOULD HAVE THE PERSISTENCE TO COMPETE WITH MONGOLIA, SO IT SEEMS BEST TO CONTINUE TO PRESS JAPAN INTO THE RUNNING.
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